

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The Applicants request entry of the following amendment to the Abstract in the instant application.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~An exemplary embodiment of the invention relates to a computer-based method and system for gathering and disseminating quality performance and audit activity data across an extended enterprise. The system includes a manufacturing enterprise system comprising a host system operating a web server, an applications server, and a database manager, a data storage device in communication with the host system, and at least one terminal for accessing the host system. The manufacturing enterprise system runs on a network that is coupled to the Internet and is accessible to a supplier enterprise system identified with proper permissions. The applications server executes a set of programs for managing the manufacturing enterprise system, including the quality information network of the present invention. Audit scheduling information, reference inquiries, and reporting data are inputted into the manufacturing enterprise system via the quality information network tool where analysis, editing, and other functions are performed on the inputs.~~

Method, system, and storage medium for facilitating supplier auditing functions in a communications network environment. The method includes receiving a request from a user system associated with an enterprise system to initiate an activity. The activity includes scheduling an audit for performing an initial or ongoing qualification of a supplier enterprise. The method also includes retrieving data from at least one database by the enterprise system. The data corresponds to the activity selected. The method further includes transmitting the data to the user system. The enterprise system includes a quality information network application for executing activity options.

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